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SUBJ: ALGERIAN REACTION TO EC-9 MIDDLE EAST
STATEMENT

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1. FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA HAS SENT TELEGRAM OF CONGRATU-LATIONS TO EC-9 FONMINS ON THEIR NOV. 6 MIDDLE EAST DECLARATION. TELEGRAM, AS PUBLISHED IN DAILY EL MOUDJAHID NOV.8, SAYS ALGERIA APPRECIATES DECLARATION, PARTICULARLY EC-9'S REJECTION OF "ISRAELL'S OBLIGATION TO EVACUATE ALL ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED AS RESULT OF ITS JUNE 5,1967 AGGRESSION". PERTINENT EXCERPTS OF MESSAGE READ AS FOLLOWS: (A) " THE RECOGNAITON THAT NO JUST AND DURABLE SOLUTION TO ME PROBLEM IS POSSIBLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITHOUT REALIZATION OF RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

REVEALS EUROPE'S DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE TO SEARCH FOR SETTLEMENT WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THIS FUNDAMENTAL DIMENSION OF PROBLEM. ALGERIA HAS ALWAYS INSISTED THAT ESTABLISHING NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, BY MEANS OF SELF-DETERMAINATION, IS THE PRIMARY CONDITION FOR PROMOTING PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION..."

(B) "MOST APPROPRIATE FRAMEWORK FOR SEARCH FOR SOLUTION APPEARS TO US TO BE PRECISELY THAT OFFERED BY UN. ALONG WITH EUROPE, THE ARAB, AFRICAN AND ONO-ALIGNED NATIONS AS A GENERAL PROPOSITION WILL NO LONGER AGREE TO BEING FACED WITHINTERNATIONAL SITUATIONS WHICH AFFECT FUTURE OF ALL MANKIND BUT WHICH ARE LEFT TO DISCRETION OF SUPERPOWERS (TO RESOLVE).

(C) "IN AFFIRMING ITS RECOGNITION OF THE INTERPLAY WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN EUROPEAN SECURITY , MEDITERRANEAN SECURITY AND ME CRISIS, EUROPE CAN AND SHOULD, BY TAKING INCREASINGLY CLEARER POSITIONS, PLAY ITS RIGHTFUL ROLE TO INCREASE CHANCES OF JUST AND DURABLE PEACE, PROMOTE GREATER COOPERATION WITH THIRD WORLD AND THEREBY GAIN AN INFLUENCE IN THE NEW INTERNATIONAL EQUILIBRIUM".

2.COMMENT: IN WELCOMING EC DECLARATION. BOUTEFLIKA HAS NOT HESITATED TO SINGLE OUT THOSE PORTIONS WHICH APPEAR MOST SUPPORTIVE OF ALGERIAN FOREIGN POLICY THEMES; NO ME SETTLEMENT WITHOUT RESTORTION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS; GREATER NON-ALIGNED VOICE IN INTERNATIONAL ISSUES; LINKAGE BETWEEN EUROPEAN, MEDITERRANEAN AND ME SECURITY (THUS, ALGERIA SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN CSCE). HE HAS ALSO READ DECLARATION AS SUPPORTING ARAB INTERPRETATION OF UNSC RES. 242 WHICH WOULD REQUIRE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY, WHILE MESSAGE WAS ADDRESSED EQUALLY TO ALL NINE EC GOVERNEMENTS, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT ALGERIA WILL CONTINUE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN POLICIES OF EUROPEAN STATES AND TO PUT PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENTS SUCH AS THE NETHERLANDS AND DENMARK WHICH CONTINUE TO VOICE SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. EAGLETON UNQUOTE RUSH

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